

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A printing agent service method,  
comprising the steps of:

5 receiving a print request and location  
information from a client terminal;

retrieving the site of the printing agent  
printer closest to the location of said client  
terminal based on said location information;

10 sending said nearest printing agent  
printer site to said client terminal for display;  
and

receiving the printing agent printer site  
specified by said client terminal, and sending the  
15 print data of said print request to a printer at  
said specified printing agent printer site.

2. The printing agent service method  
according to claim 1, wherein said sending step  
20 has a step for sending map information showing  
said nearest printing agent printer site based on  
said location information.

3. The printing agent service method  
25 according to claim 1, wherein said receiving step  
has a step for receiving GPS information from said  
client terminal.

4. The printing agent service method according to claim 1, wherein said retrieving step has a step for retrieving the current location of said client terminal based on said location information, and a step for retrieving the printing agent printer site nearest to said current location.

5. The printing agent service method according to claim 1, further having a step for receiving agent printing results from said printer, and sending said agent printing results to said client terminal.

6. The printing agent service method according to claim 1, further comprising a step for receiving a user ID from said client terminal, and sending to said client terminal the printing agent printer site selected in the past by the user indicated by said user ID.

7. The printing agent service method according to claim 5, further comprising a step for automatically debiting a specified account for an agent printing fee in accordance with said agent printing results.

8. The printing agent service method according to claim 1, further comprising a step for instructing printing that includes an advertisement to said printer in accordance with an advertisement-included printing specification from said client terminal, and a step for discounting a printing fee in accordance with said agent printing that includes an advertisement.

9. The printing agent service method according to claim 1, further comprising a step for sending an agent printing fee to said client terminal in accordance with said agent printing results.

10. A printing agent service system, comprising:

a database for storing printing agent printer sites; and

a server for receiving a print request and location information from a client terminal, and retrieving, from said database, the printing agent printer site nearest to the location of said client terminal in accordance with said location information,

wherein said server sends said nearest printing agent printer site to said client

terminal for display, and thereafter, receives  
from said client terminal a specified printing  
agent printer site, and sends print information of  
said print request to a printer of said specified  
5 printing agent printer site.

11. The printing agent service system  
according to claim 10, wherein said server sends  
map information showing said nearest printing  
agent printer site based on said location  
10 information.

12. The printing agent service system  
according to claim 10, wherein said server  
receives GPS information from said client  
15 terminal.

13. The printing agent service system  
according to claim 10, wherein said server  
20 retrieves the current location of said client  
terminal based on said location information, and  
thereafter, retrieves printing agent printer site  
nearest to said current location.

14. The printing agent service system  
according to claim 10, wherein said server  
receives agent printing results from said printer,  
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and sends said agent printing results to said client terminal.

15. The printing agent service system  
5 according to claim 10, wherein said server receives a user ID from said client terminal, and sends to said client terminal the printing agent printer site selected in the past by the user indicated by said user ID.

10 16. The printing agent service system according to claim 14, wherein said server automatically debits a specified account for an agent printing fee in accordance with said agent  
15 printing results.

17. The printing agent service system according to claim 10, wherein said server instructs printing that includes an advertisement  
20 to said printer in accordance with an advertisement-included printing specification from said client terminal, and discounts a printing fee in accordance with said agent printing that includes an advertisement.

25 18. The printing agent service system according to claim 10, wherein said server sends

an agent printing fee to said client terminal in  
accordance with said agent printing results.